

# United States Department of Agriculture,

## OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

### NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 2133.

(Given pursuant to section 4 of the Food and Drugs Act.)

#### ADULTERATION AND MISBRANDING OF OIL OF LAVENDER FLOWERS.

On August 6, 1912, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against Arthur A. Stillwell & Co., a corporation, New York, N. Y., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on June 30, 1911, from the State of New York into the State of Texas, of a quantity of oil of lavender flowers which was adulterated and misbranded. The product was labeled: "Oil Lavender Flowers—Serial No. 1252—Oil Lavender Flower—Net. 2 lbs. Arthur A. Stillwell & Co."

Analysis of a sample of the product by the Bureau of Chemistry of this Department showed the following results: Specific gravity at 25° C., 0.9032; refractive index at 20° C., 1.4638; rotation at 20° C., -0.420; esters, as linalyl acetate, 16.69 per cent; glycerin esters, present; soluble in three volumes of 70 per cent alcohol; specific gravity high; esters low; adulterated with spike oil and glyceryl esters. Adulteration was alleged in the information for the reason that the product was sold under and by a name recognized in the United States Pharmacopœia or National Formulary, and differed from the standard of strength, quality, and purity as determined by the tests laid down by said Pharmacopœia official at the time of investigation, and in that the standard of strength, quality, and purity of the product was not stated upon its container. Misbranding was alleged for the reason that the label upon the product bore a statement "Oil Lavender Flowers," which said statement was false and misleading because it created the impression that the product was genuine oil of lavender flowers, whereas, in truth and in fact, it contained added foreign substances.

On October 16, 1912, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information and the court imposed a fine of \$15.

W. M. HAYS,

*Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 20, 1912.